

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of claims will replace all prior listings.

1. (CANCELED)
2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The lock cylinder assembly as recited in claim 4, wherein said second engagement member comprises a stop that extends from a circular member defined at least partially around said axis, said circular member located at least partially within said second plane.
3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The lock cylinder assembly as recited in claim 2, wherein said circular member defines an inner diameter and said stop extends from said circular member transverse to said axis to define at least a portion of an outer diameter.
4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A lock core assembly comprising:
  - a barrel which defines an axis; and
  - a plug mountable for rotation within said barrel for rotation around said axis relative said barrel, said plug comprising an rear segment recessed within said plug which defines a first plane parallel to a second plane, said first plane and said second plane transverse and offset along said axis, a first engagement member at least partially within said first plane and a second engagement member at least partially within said second plane, said first engagement member perpendicular to said second engagement member.
5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The lock cylinder assembly as recited in claim 4, wherein said plug defines a groove.

6. (ORIGINAL) The lock cylinder assembly as recited in claim 5, further comprising a torque blade comprising a female end engageable with said rear segment.
7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A lock core assembly comprising:
  - a barrel which defines an axis;
  - a plug mountable for rotation within said barrel for rotation around said axis relative said barrel, said plug defining a groove and comprising a rear segment which defines a first plane parallel to a second plane, said first plane and said second plane transverse and offset along said axis, a first engagement member at least partially within said first plane and a second engagement member at least partially within said second plane, said first engagement member perpendicular to said second engagement member;
  - a torque blade comprising a female end engageable with said rear segment; and
  - a retainer mountable at least partially within said groove, said retainer axially retaining said torque blade to said rear segment.
8. (ORIGINAL) The lock cylinder assembly as recited in claim 7, wherein said retainer is frustum-conically shaped.
9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The lock cylinder assembly as recited in claim 4, further comprising a spindle comprising a female end engageable with said rear segment.
10. (ORIGINAL) The lock cylinder assembly as recited in claim 9, further comprising opposed spindle cams within said female end.
11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A lock assembly comprising:
  - a lock housing;
  - a barrel which defines an axis, said barrel mountable within said housing;

a plug mountable for rotation within said barrel for rotation around said axis relative said barrel, said plug comprising a male rear segment;

a torque blade comprising a female end engageable with said male end ~~rear segment~~; and  
a retainer axially retaining said female end over said male end ~~rear segment~~.

12. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The lock assembly as recited in claim 15, wherein said male rear segment comprises a first engagement member perpendicular to a second engagement member.

13. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The lock assembly as recited in claim 12, wherein first engagement member is axially displaced from said second engagement member.

14. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The lock assembly as recited in claim 15, wherein said second engagement member extends from a circular member, said circular member defines an inner diameter and said second engagement member extends from said circular member transverse to said axis to define at least a portion of an outer diameter.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A lock assembly comprising:

a lock housing;

a barrel which defines an axis, said barrel mountable within said housing;

a plug mountable for rotation within said barrel for rotation around said axis relative said barrel, said plug comprising a male rear segment recessed within said plug;

a torque blade comprising a female end engageable with said male end ~~rear segment~~; and  
a retainer axially retaining said female end over said male end ~~rear segment~~.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A lock assembly comprising:

a lock housing;

a barrel which defines an axis, said barrel mountable within said housing;

a plug mountable for rotation within said barrel for rotation around said axis relative said barrel, said plug comprising a male rear segment wherein said male end is recessed within said plug.;

a torque blade comprising a female end engageable with said male ~~end~~rear segment; and

a retainer axially retaining said female end over said male ~~end~~rear segment and engaging a groove defined about said plug.

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21. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A lock assembly comprising:

a lock housing;

a barrel which defines an axis, said barrel mountable within said housing;

a plug mountable for rotation within said barrel for rotation around said axis relative said barrel, said plug comprising a male rear segment; and

a spindle comprising a female end with opposed cams engageable with said male rear segment, wherein said male rear segment is recessed within said plug.

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24. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The lock assembly as recited in claim 21, wherein said retainer is a frustum-conically shaped retainer.